

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA DELI-STYLE TURKEY BREAST AND SMOKED TURKEY BREAST PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase frozen, fully cooked, deli-style turkey breast and deli-style smoked turkey breast for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade in one or more of the following forms:

Deli-Style Turkey Breast (233040) – Frozen fully cooked deli-style turkey breast, produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each deli turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bags or casings, and be packed four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) deli turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. Each deli turkey breast must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and not more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Deli-Style Smoked Turkey Breast (233140) – Frozen fully cooked deli-style smoked turkey breast, produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Smoked turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bags or casings, and be packed four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) smoked turkey breasts per fiberboard container. Each smoked turkey breast must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and not more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, July 12. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Friday, July 16, for products to be delivered from Aug. 15 to Aug. 31. Subsequent invitations will be issued inviting offers due the second and fourth Monday of each month.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

As with last year's program, certifications, representations, and warranties (Appendix-1) will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-286, which is being distributed to the trade.

Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specifications and are cautioned to offer only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-286; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Deli-Style Turkey Breasts and Smoked Turkey Breasts dated July 2004; and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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